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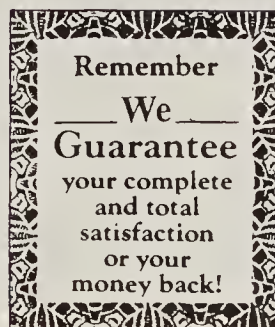
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On "60 Minutes"

The Real REA Story Masked By Myths



"Viewpoint" is a monthly commentary by Wayne D. Keller, executive vice president of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) and its allied corporations making up the statewide organization of electric cooperatives.

I recently viewed the "60 Minutes" segment about the Rural Electrification Administration and came away wondering how such a distorted news show could have twisted so many facts, perpetuated so many myths, and told such a one-sided story, all in a span of 7 minutes, 7 seconds.

The segment was based on the premise that the REA's mission is finished now that almost all of rural America has electric service. Titled "Welfare for the Poor," the segment portrayed the REA as a government-financed giveaway program that hands out low-interest loans to resort communities.

I knew nothing about the REA, rural electric cooperatives or the people who served as sources for the segment, I would have been outraged. But I do know a great deal about this program. I have been working for electric cooperatives for more than 30 years. And with that knowledge, I'm dismayed that "60 Minutes" could have fallen for the myths, distortions and overgeneralizations presented in the show.

The segment gave the false impression that the REA makes a habit of giving low-interest loans directly to resort communities. Its pro-cited ski resorts in Vail, Colo., and golf resort communities in Hilton Head, S.C., as the beneficiaries of low-interest REA loans.

The REA doesn't make loans to resorts. REA loans are available only to cooperatives that are formed by local people to serve local people. These non-profit cooperatives took the risks in providing electric power when no for-profit power company wanted the job.

Vail and Hilton Head are served by rural electric cooperatives. But those co-ops were providing electricity to every resident and busi-

ness—rich and poor, small and large—long before the resorts and golf courses were built. Those cooperatives are proud to provide service to new businesses and people, but they also continue to provide reliable electric service to the poorest and most remote areas in their service territories.

Most electric cooperatives don't serve the resort meccas. Most are like those in North Carolina. They provide electricity to *all* the customers in their service areas—to the poor and wealthy alike, to farms, mobile home parks, businesses and, perhaps, a few resorts.

In this state, the average rural electric co-op in 1989 had only 8.15 customers per mile of line. That's far less than the 22.65 customers per mile for investor-owned utilities and the 35.69 customers per mile for public power suppliers.

That's one of the main reasons why low-interest REA loans are vital if rural electric cooperatives are to continue to fulfill their mission of providing affordable electric power to the customers they serve. Those loans cost U.S. taxpayers \$117 million in lost interest revenue this year—the difference between market-rate loans and the 5 percent REA loans—far less than the billions of dollars in savings mentioned by those who would like to dismantle the REA.

A final word on the subject of subsidies: investor-owned utilities also receive subsidies, at a far greater cost to the U.S. taxpayer than the REA loan program, through tax-free financing, accelerated depreciation and other financial and tax accounting methods.

The job of providing power to our rural customers won't end when the last mile of line is run. It will continue with new developments to be served, the maintenance of existing lines and equipment, and restoring power rapidly and safely when disaster strikes. The relatively small investment the REA makes in the infrastructure of rural areas pays for itself many times over in keeping economic options open for small-town America.

There is a remarkable story to tell about the REA and rural electric cooperatives. But you didn't see it on "60 Minutes."

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Cover: Art By Randolph County Native

Our cover this month offers a touch of the holiday season through an original painting by Cathy Cranford Futral, a Randolph County native who now makes her home in Frostproof, Fla.

The watercolor, "Southern Christmas Wreath," features "a collection of remembered ornaments and objects that are traditional to a good ole-timey live pine-needle wreath," according to the artist.

Mrs. Futral, who continues to specialize in Randolph County subjects, teaches art, painting and art history to children and adults at Frostproof Elementary School and Webber College in Babson Park, Fla. She produces original paintings in her home studio and offers many of them as limited edition prints.

The Appalachian State University graduate has a master's degree in art education from Florida State University and a master of fine arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Signed-and-numbered prints of "Southern Christmas Wreath" are available for \$17.40, including shipping, handling and North Carolina sales tax. They measure 10 inches by 13 inches.

This and other prints offered by Mrs. Futral are sold in North Carolina through her father, Charles Cranford of Seagrove. He is a consumer member of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, Asheboro.

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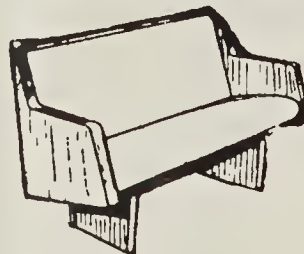
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In CP&L Antitrust Suit

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North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation's (NCEMC) multi-million anti-suit against Carolina Power and Light Company will be presented in federal court by an eminent Washington attorney who is the lead counsel for the plaintiffs in the Enbridge Valdez case.

Jerry Cohen of Cohen, Eisenstein, Hausfield & Toll, P.A. was also involved in the work arising from the 1984 Carbide Corporation chemical accident in Bhopal, India. He will head NCEMC's team of lawyers when the case comes to trial in U.S.

District Court in Greensboro.

Jerry Cohen brings to this case a wonderful knack for explaining complex matters in a way that a jury can easily understand," said

Thomas J. Bolch, NCEMC general counsel. "That will be critically important in this case.

"We feel strongly that the member-owners of the 16 EMCs involved in the case ought to be represented by one of the foremost lawyers in the country. They have been injured by CP&L's wrongful conduct and deserve to have their story told in the most effective possible manner."

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Cohen was asked to participate in the case by NCEMC's chief antitrust attorney, Wallace Brand of Brand, Beeny, Berger & Whitler in Washington prior to Cohen's selection as chief lawyer in the multi-billion dollar suits against Exxon in connection with the Alaskan oil spill.

The case against CP&L advanced toward trial when Federal Judge Frank Bullock acted in late October to deny the investor-owned company's request that the case be dismissed outright.

He ruled that the case can go to trial on many of NCEMC's antitrust claims. However, he said the power supply co-op would not be allowed to claim damages for CP&L's below-cost sale of power to the EMCs in the 1950s and 1960s.

The 14-year-old lawsuit originally claimed that bargain CP&L rates destroyed the economic feasibility of the co-ops' efforts to build their own generating plants. As a result, they could not obtain financing for such facilities from the Rural Electrification Administration.

Bolch said Judge Bullock's decision requires NCEMC to prepare a new study of the estimated damages the cooperatives have suffered due to CP&L's actions.

The suit had sought \$800 million in damages, a figure that could be tripled under federal antitrust laws.

"It's too early to say whether the new study will show damages approaching \$800 million, but I would be very surprised if the figure doesn't reach into the hundreds of millions of dollars," Bolch added.

In his memorandum opinion, Judge Bullock noted that the case seeks damages under the Sherman Act from 50 years of "exclusionary conduct by CP&L" that prevented NCEMC from building a generating and transmission system and prevented the distribution co-ops from obtaining "electric independence" from CP&L.

The judge said the case should proceed to trial in part because CP&L's alleged acts involve numerous refusals to deal with NCEMC regarding the exchange of power through the region's transmission system.

He added: "Although there is no general duty to cooperate with a potential competitor, willful refusals to deal made in order to maintain monopoly power without legitimate business reasons are unlawful."

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- **Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro**—Directors re-elected were Cecil McCall of Route 2, Ellerbe; J. Harold Moore of Route 3, Wadesboro; and J.C. Thompson of Route 3, Mt. Gilead.

Officers for the coming year are Richard H. Johnson of Route 4, Wadesboro, president; Charles D. Smith of Route 2, Laurel Hill, vice president; and Millard E. Russell of Route 2, Wadesboro, secretary-treasurer.

- **Albemarle EMC, Hertford**—Directors re-elected were Glenn Carey of South Mills, John W. Spence of Elizabeth City and Virgie P. Whitehurst of Belvidere.

Officers for the coming year are L.A. Harris Jr. of Elizabeth City, president; Garry W. Meiggs of Camden, vice-president; and Charles H. Mathews of Route 5, Hertford, secretary-treasurer.

- **Union EMC, Monroe**—Directors re-elected were B.L. Starnes of Waxhaw, Jim T. Hartsell of Concord and Thurman Harwood of New London. Also elected was Neil W. Hasty of Route 2, Indian Trail, who had been appointed to the board in July. He took the seat left vacant by the death of Bruce Thompson of Charlotte, who had been president of the board and served on the body for more than 37 years. He died in May.

Meanwhile, Jan Haigler of Route 1, Indian Trail, has been appointed to the board to succeed the late Grant Duncan of Route 1, Indian Trail. Duncan, who had served on the board more than 20 years, died in March.

Officers for the coming year are B.L. Starnes, president; Boyd C. Haigler of Monroe vice-president; Vann W. Hilton of Marshville, secretary-treasurer; and Thurman Harwood assistant secretary-treasurer.

- **Tideland EMC, Pantego**—Directors elected were J. Douglas Brinson of Arapahoe, Patty Jarvis of Engelhard and Jack Willis of Ocoke. Also elected was William Ray Hamilton of Route 2, Pantego. He succeeds Ollie Jay Allen who chose not to seek re-election to the board.

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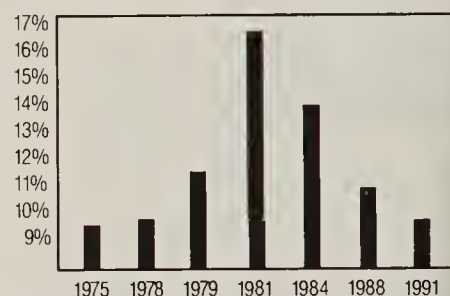
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Thirty-nine companies are offering gift items from peanuts and country ham to wine and chocolate candies. Craft items include handmade silk and mohair scarves, handmade decorative birdhouses and Christmas wreaths. Prices range from \$4.95 to \$110.

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The renowned Guy Lombardo Orchestra, which has been a major attraction at New Year's Eve events since the Big Band era, will perform at Hickory's Clement Center Gala New Year's Eve Extravaganza scheduled for Dec. 31.

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The formal affair will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and a late night breakfast buffet from 12:30 a.m. until 2 a.m.

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Rich Preyer Cited For Public Service

A former Sixth District congressman has received the Charles Duncan McIver Award, recognizing his efforts in public service.

L. Richardson Preyer of Greensboro, who represented the Sixth District from 1968 to 1980, was awarded the honor for his lengthy record of public service.

The award is presented annually by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Governor's Mansion Profiled In New Book

The 100th anniversary of North Carolina's executive mansion is being celebrated this year in part through the publication of a commemorative book on the history of the house and its occupants.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will be used for preservation and maintenance of the mansion. The Executive Mansion

Fine Arts Committee and the Executive Fund Inc. published the volume.

It is available at state historic sites and state museum sale shops; the Capital Area Visitor Center in Raleigh; American Air-

lines terminal shops; the Raleigh-Durham International Airport, sending a check \$35 plus \$5 post and handling to Executive Mansion Curatorial Office, 301 N. Blount St., Raleigh, N.C. 27601-1007.

Exhibit Celebrates "The Age of Marvelous"

More than 325 paintings, prints and objects highlighting the 16th and 17th century taste for the rare and exotic will be featured in a new exhibition at the North Carolina Museum of Art, Jan. 25 through March 22, 1992.

"The Age of Marvelous" will include numerous Dutch and Finnish paintings along with a wide array of items from the Greek, Roman and American Indian heritages.

The exhibition coincides with the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage to America, which stimulated wide interest in foreign cultures.

For more information, contact the N.C. Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raleigh, N.C. 27607. Phone: (919) 833-1935.



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Exhibit Spotlights Holiday Traditions In The South

"Yuletide in the South," Dec. 14-15, will offer visitors a feast for the eyes, ears and palates with the decorations and food of an early American Christmas.

The event, sponsored by the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts in Winston-Salem, is scheduled from noon to 5 p.m. the first day and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. the second.

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The group, which

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Tickets for the concert will be \$3 each and may be purchased in advance at the Gaston College Bookstore. For further information, write to the Gaston College Community Arts Program office, 201 Highway 321 South, Dallas, N.C. 28034-1499 or call (704) 922-6200.



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Farmers Honored At State Fair

Farmers from Stanly and Hyde Counties have been named Farmers of the Year for 1991 by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Carol F. Carter of Richfield was named Young Female Farmer of the Year and James E. Midyette Jr. of Engelhard was named Young Male Farmer of the Year. They were honored in ceremonies at the State Fair in Raleigh.

Carter, who has an associate degree in architectural engineering technology, owns and operates a 183-acre livestock and poultry operation in Hyde County. She started farming 10 years ago, when she bought an abandoned farm and began a poultry operation. She and her husband, Joe, have two children.

Midyette farms more than 400 acres and grows corn, soybeans, carrots and tomatoes—in addition to raising hogs.

A 1982 graduate of N.C. State University, Midyette served three years in the Army before taking over a family farm in 1985. He and his wife, Rhonda, have four children.



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Tryon Palace Will Offer Glimpses of Christmases Past

Glimpses of American Christmas traditions from the past century will be offered during the 1991 Christmas Celebration at the Tryon Palace Restoration in New Bern, Dec. 9-22.

The Stanly House will feature an 18th century celebration, focusing on Christmas as a "holy day" and a time of shared hospitality. Other stops along the tour will include the home of a prosperous merchant celebrating an antebellum yuletide, a soldier's Christmas in a Union-occupied Southern home and a high Victorian Christmas.

Daytime tours will also include New Bern Academy, which will offer a glimpse of a 19th century schoolroom decorated for the season.

In addition, palace decorators will offer a public garden workshop Dec. 11 on decorating with natural materials.

Special candlelight tours are set for Dec. 12-14 and Dec. 19-21. Admission for either candlelight tours or daytime tours will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children in grades one through 12. Advance reservations are not required but discounts are available for pre-arranged tours for groups of 20 or more.

For more information, write or call Tryon Palace Restoration, P.O. Box 1007, New Bern, N.C. 28563. Phone: (919) 638-1560.

Hillsborough Homes Open For Holiday Tours

Historic homes reflecting Hillsborough's 237-year history will be featured during the 5th Annual Historic Hillsborough Christmas Candlelight Tour on Dec. 8.

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For more information, contact the chamber at 150 East King St., Hillsborough, N.C. 27278. Phone: (919) 732-8156.

Yule Concert Set In Lenoir

An adult and a children's choir will fill the air with holiday spirit at a yuletide concert, Dec. 7-8, at the Lenoir High School Auditorium in Caldwell County.

The Community Music Club will perform traditional and contemporary holiday selections under the direction of Madeline Mullis and Patsy Hollar.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. the first day and 3 p.m. the second.

For more information, call the Lenoir Chamber of Commerce at (704) 754-0991.

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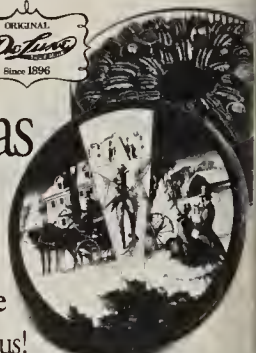


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Youth Tour "Alumni" Renew Acquaintance

Twenty-nine veterans of North Carolina's Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington recently gathered in Raleigh to rekindle old friendships and share past experiences.

The Youth Tour Reunion brought together tourists from as far back as 1982 to celebrate one of the most successful educational activities in the rural electric program.

Each year since 1967, 30 to 40 high school students from across the state have been involved in the program. The group travels to Washington to learn more about the nation's government and electric cooperatives, and to tour various landmarks.

See related column, page 38

The North Carolinians join about 1,200 high school students from throughout the country for the visits to Washington.

The national event is coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, which is headquartered in the nation's capital. The Tar Heel program is directed by the North Carolina statewide organization of Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs).

Participants in the week-long trip are sponsored by various local EMCs. They are usually selected through a competition.

"We always have an outstanding group of young people," said Lorrie Constantinos,



Dave Rowe, manager of member and public relations at Randolph EMC, Asheboro, left, chats with some of the Youth Tour "alumni" at the reunion. Rowe, an advisor on the 1985 tour, was one of several former advisors who participated in the event.

member services director for the statewide organization, who has overseen the tour since 1983.

"The co-ops somehow manage to select great young people for the project year after year. In recent years, we've been recognizing some of them with scholarships and that's added an important new dimension to the program."

The reunion gave tour "alumni" an opportunity to renew acquaintances with many of the people they met through the program.

Attending were several former youth tour advisors, including Dave Rowe, manager of member and public relations at Randolph EMC, Asheboro.

The former professional football player, who now handles commentary for TV coverage of major games, addressed the reunion, recalling highlights of his experiences on the Youth Tour.

Also on the program was Jerry Pate, director of public relations for South Carolina's statewide organization of electric co-ops. He presented a humorous monologue describing how cooperatives operate and how they benefit their members.

The reunion was the second such event for former Youth Tourists. The first was held in 1980 for tourists who participated in the program between 1967 and 1980.

For information about plans for the 1992 Youth Tour, contact your local EMC or write to Lorrie Constantinos at P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.



Jerry Pate, director of public relations for the South Carolina statewide organization of electric cooperatives, makes a point during a humorous presentation on how co-ops benefit their members.

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Network Portrait Of REA "Garbled The Facts"

A "60 Minutes" feature on the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) "garbled the facts, missed the real story," according to Bob Bergland, executive vice president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. After the story aired Oct. 27, Bergland wrote to Don Hewitt, executive producer of the news magazine program, saying the segment on REA left a totally false impression about electric cooperatives.

REA, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, provides loans to electric and telephone cooperatives across the country.

See related column, page 3.

Bergland, who served as secretary of agriculture under President Jimmy Carter, told Hewitt the American people realize a worthwhile return on REA's relatively small investment in rural America: "access to reliable electric service everywhere you go."

He said the REA program has made it possible for Americans "to take it for granted that we have access to electric light and power, regardless of geographical or economic considerations. That means service to all—rich and poor, farms, new homes and resorts, as well as traditional businesses."

Meanwhile, Bergland issued a statement responding to the misleading TV portrait of REA, noting that the program "focused on a few exceptions to prove a rule that exists only in the minds of the foes of rural electrification—that the job is done, REA has accomplished its goals, and the agency's loan programs are no longer needed."

"The job is never done, especially for a capital-intensive business like an electric utility. For America's 1,000 consumer-owned rural electric systems, that means bringing reliable and affordable power to citizens in two-thirds of the nation's counties that the power companies don't want to serve."

In referring to the federal assistance program through the agency, the show "neglected to mention that all electric utilities in the United States are subsidized by the government in one

way or another," he added, noting that rural electric cooperatives receive lower subsidies than do other segments of the utility industry.

Bergland said another major misconception "60 Minutes" conveyed is the idea that REA loans unfairly aid resorts and posh suburbs.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. Loans are made available to electric cooperatives, formed and owned by local residents and businesses that took the risks inherent in providing electric power when no other company was willing to do so."

As the nature of a co-op's service area changes, he pointed out, the utility must serve the system as a whole—"some rich parts, some poor parts."

Bergland said, "It's a utility's job to serve everything in its service territory—whether ski resorts or substandard housing. We welcome recreational developments as well as more traditional businesses. They mean economic growth and much-needed jobs for small-town and rural America."

He added: "Rural electrification benefits all Americans."

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Mrs. Todd-Edwards, a consumer-member of Four County Electric Membership Corporation, Burgaw, provided the recipes on these pages to make a complete meal featuring pheasant, quail or chukar, a type of partridge. One chukar, she said, typically weighs 10 to 12 ounces and serves one person. It takes more than one of the smaller quail to make a serving.

Any of these birds can be baked by following the recipe for Pheasant Supreme, below. Or you can fry them, using the recipe for Becky's Bobwhite Quail, opposite page.

Mrs. Todd-Edwards, a Duplin County native who has a degree in home economics from East Carolina University, recently shared some of her recipes with those attending a convention of the National Association of Gamebird Growers.

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Insert pheasants (breast side down) in brown-in bag, put in roaster. Pour mixture of remaining ingredients over pheasants in bag. Tie bag. Cover roaster.

Bake at 325 degrees for two hours. (For quail or chukar, bake 30 minutes less). Serve sliced on oval platter. Reserve gravy to serve separately. Arrange orange shells filled w/Sweet Potato Souffle around pheasant.



Cranberry Salad

- 1 6 oz. package raspberry gelatin
- 1 C hot water
- 1/2 C cold water
- 1 can crushed pineapple
- 1 apple, diced
- 1/2 C chopped nuts
- 1 can whole-berry cranberry sauce

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add cold water. Fold in remaining ingredients. Pour into individual or large mold. Chill until firm.

Topping

- 1 pint sour cream
- 1/2 C mayonnaise

Mix and place inside center ring of Cranberry Salad mold or atop each individual mold.

Pheasant Supreme

- 2 pheasants, salted and peppered
- 1 can Cream of Mushroom soup (10 3/4 oz.)
- 1 can Golden Delicious Mushroom soup (10 3/4 oz.)
- 1 can French Onion soup (10 3/4 oz.)
- 1 C orange juice
- 1 can mushrooms (6 oz.)

Sweet Potato Souffle

- 3 C cooked, mashed, sweet potatoes
- 2 eggs
- 1 C sugar
- 1/2 stick butter, melted
- 1 can crushed pineapple, drained

1 C raisins
1/2 p. cinnamon
1/2 p. vanilla

Mix ingredients together. Pour into an 11 inch nine inches by 13 inches baking dish. Sprinkle with topping (recipe below) and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves 8-10 people.

Topping

1/2 C butter, melted
1/2 C brown sugar
1/2 C chopped nuts
1/2 C corn flakes, crumbled
1/2 C pineapple juice

Pour melted butter over brown sugar. Mix and stir in remaining ingredients. Pour over potatoes and then bake uncovered.

California Tarts

1/2 C butter
1/2 C sugar
2 egg yolks
1/2 C chopped nuts
1/2 C raisins
1 tsp. vanilla
2 egg whites
16 tart shells
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Melt butter. Mix sugar and egg yolks together. Add butter, nuts, raisins, and vanilla. Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into above mixture. Put into tart shells. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Becky's Bobwhite Quail



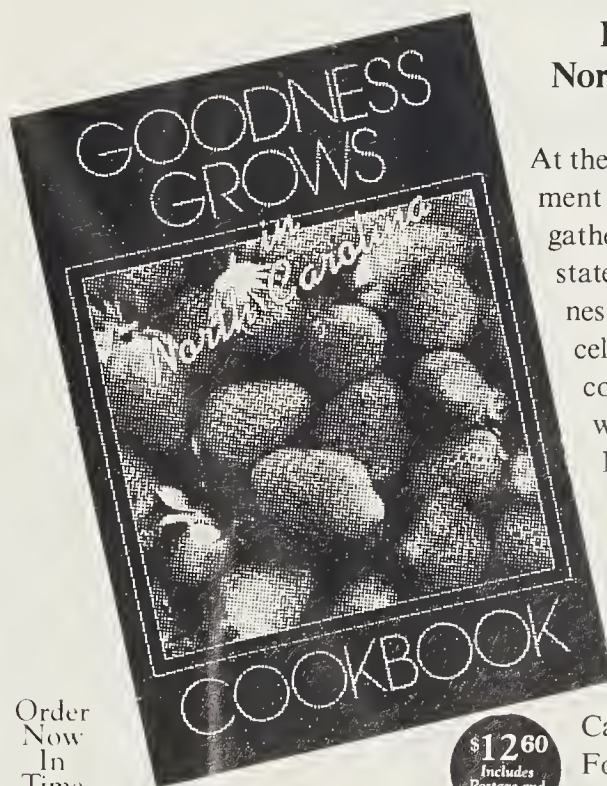
8 bobwhite quail, salted and peppered
2 C buttermilk
Flour
Cooking oil

Place quail in bowl. Pour buttermilk over. Cover bowl. Refrigerate several hours. Dip in flour. Fry in oil (enough to float) in frying pan for approximately six minutes, turning first on one side and then the other.

Six Runs Rice

1 large onion, diced
1 can beef broth bouillon
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Pepper Jelly

Submitted by Marion D. Butler, Shelby

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- 1 1/2 C green bell peppers
- 2 3-oz. boxes fruit pectin
- 7 1/2 C sugar



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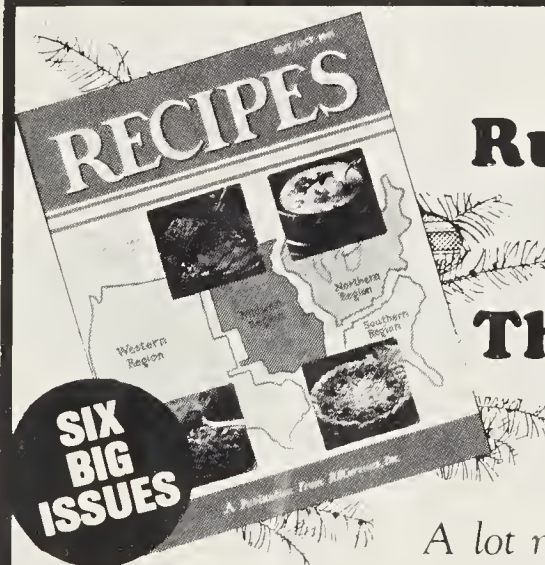
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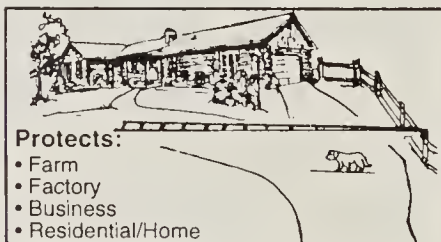
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- Use only as many bulbs as you need for your tree. Determine the maximum number of miniature lights required by multiplying your tree's width in feet by eight times its height.

- Choose light bulb colors in the same family. Blue and green are cool colors. Red, orange, yellow and white are warm. Set the theme of your decorations by using cool colors together and warm colors together.

- If you use floodlighting, choose blue, green, clear or white lamps. Avoid red, yellow, amber and pink lamps when floodlighting evergreens. They tend to turn the tree color to muddy brown.

- Use plastic twist ties to fasten light strings to your garlands. Drape the garland from railings or atop dress mirrors.

- Make sure the light sets you purchase are listed by Underwriters Laboratories.

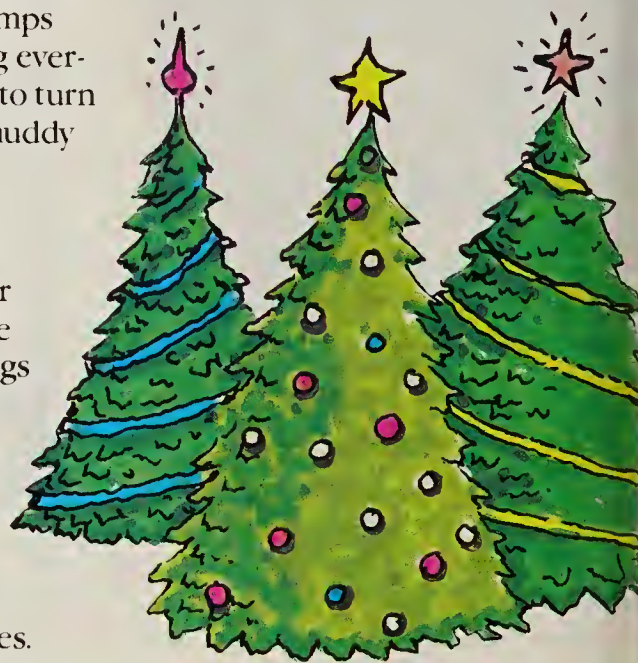
This guarantees the set has been inspected and lists precautions and restrictions.

- Before you decorate, check extension cords and light sets for frayed wires, damaged sockets or cracked insulation. If you find defects, replace the entire product.

- Remember that the hot bulbs can ignite dry branches. Keep your natural tree thoroughly watered.

- Keep extension cords and light sets away from tree stands that hold water.

- Avoid leaving a Christmas tree or other decorations lit all night or for long periods when people are not present.



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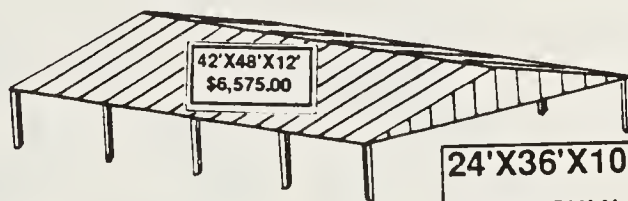
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CROSSWIRES

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ACROSS

1. Farming as a business
12. Power exerted by a horse in pulling
19. A formal claim
23. Lawn coverage
24. Other
25. Type of market on Wall Street
26. Song performed by two
27. Mouse ____
30. Type of bean
32. Break in continuity
36. Not off
38. A type of bread
40. These keep temperatures uniform
43. Symbol for iron
44. A tax levy
46. Opposite of bought
48. Abbr.: Environmental Protection Agency
50. TV personality Bob ____
51. Symbol for astatine
52. Useful or valuable qualities
55. Tennessee Valley Authority
56. Ultraviolet
57. Residue from coal combustion
58. Used with neither
59. Trade for profit
62. Not in
63. More than cute
67. Symbol for einsteinium
69. The (archaic)
70. Excessive amount
73. Abbr.: editor
75. Latin: law
77. Spanish word for "uncle"
79. ____ Piper
80. Abbr.: chemical engineer
81. Graduate Record Exam
82. Symbol for nickel
83. Abbr.: Ground Control Approach
84. Income from expenses
87. To join at the ends
89. Abbr.: audio-visual
91. Initials for Tina Turner
92. Abbr.: Cape Verde
93. Chance
95. Opposite of enter
97. Et cetera
98. A movie rating
100. Set again
101. Fungus; source of lysergic acid
104. Regional speech or dialect
108. Italian currency
111. A wave or ground swell
113. One who served an apprenticeship in a trade
114. Magnet composed of electricity
118. Saint



119. Payable immediately
120. Article
121. Short for Ensign
122. Latin abbr.: in the meantime
123. Latin: That is
124. Therefore
125. Old English
126. Viet ____
127. Stands for township
128. Not Ma'am
130. Establishing cost for goods
131. Pointed tool
133. Peon
135. Price
137. Abbr.: Alcoholics Anonymous
138. Clutter
139. Abbr.: electrical engineer
140. Fabric used in hosiery
142. Not AM
144. Stands for plural
145. The process of doing something
148. Retain
151. To change as to match or fit
152. Triggers a mechanism, such as a switch
153. Public service, such as gas
154. Not shared with others

DOWN

1. Gelatinous material used in labs
2. Abbr.: Greece
3. Persons who pay rates
4. Abbr.: Israel
5. Boy Scouts of America
6. South America
7. Abbr.: northeast
8. To kill with electricity
9. Abbr.: Secret Service
10. Abbr.: Southeast
11. Individual group
12. Very old, ancient
13. Baseball: Run Batted In
14. Chinese currency
15. To consume
16. The exercise of choice
17. A state of armed conflict
18. Mature
19. Twosome
20. Even (poetic)
21. Montana
22. New York
28. Not active
29. Low grade coal
30. Not sooner
31. Missouri
33. Abbr.: retired
34. Abbr.: upper case
35. Stands for physics term: tensile strength
37. A tilting match
39. Abbr.: yellow
41. Prefix meaning new
42. Foundation
45. Not lenient
47. Abbr. for the Biblical book Leviticus
49. Grown older
52. Symbol for gold
53. Abbr.: sterling
54. South Carolina
57. Something that subdues
60. Abbr.: lines
61. Trunk of fallen or felled tree
62. A lyrical poem
64. A bone in the arm
65. Symbol for

- tellurium
66. Chickens hatch from these
68. Abbr.: Post Office
71. The letter "V"
72. Arkansas
74. Regulated food selection
76. What one does for a painting, past tense
78. Commits money to business venture
85. Showing intense emotional force
86. Not revenue
88. Astrology: the lion
90. Vice-President
92. Abbr.: case

94. A small barrel
96. Clocks in sporting events
99. Spherical
100. Anger
102. Color
103. Support
105. ____ Quayle
106. Look over
107. Earn
109. Abbr.: intramuscular
110. Trains use these
112. Indian tribe found in Utah, Colorado and New Mexico
113. Jelly
115. Sugar is made from this

116. Large feline
117. Abbr.: east south east
127. Pulled tight
129. Goddess of f
132. Wisconsin
133. The Seven
134. ____ La La
136. Abbr.: south
137. Alabama
141. Acronym for Louisiana State Univ.
143. Maine
145. Symbol for g
146. Symbol for ti
147. Abbr.: part
149. Roman nume for 6
150. Abbr.: elect

See solution on page

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North Carolina's Civil Air Patrol will mark the national organization's 50th anniversary with a special Dec. 7 celebration in Greensboro and Burlington.

The event will include a reception for members and guests, a formation flyover and a banquet honoring members of Coastal Patrol Squadron No. 16, which later became the Civil Air Patrol. The original patrol was formed by amateur pilots on the Outer Banks in December 1941.

The young pilots flew tiny, fabric-covered civilian airplanes with top speeds of 105 miles per hour. They were quickly converted into "war-planes," some of which were equipped with makeshift racks for small bombs. They flew patrol missions as far as 35 miles out over the Atlantic searching for enemy submarines.

Among members of the early squadron was the late Alpheus Drinkwater, the last surviving witness to the flight of the Wright Brothers.

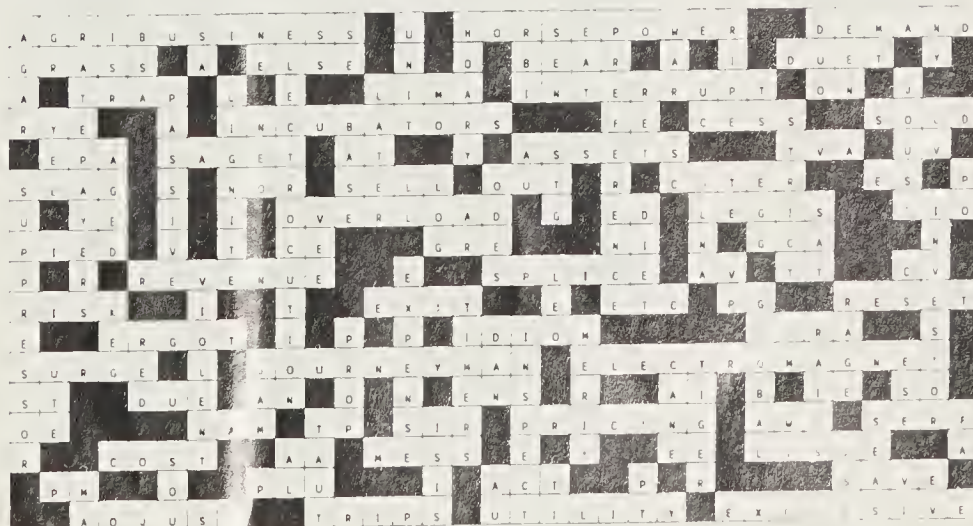
Several members of the original squadron are expected to attend the anniversary celebration, which begins with the 2 p.m. reception at the Alamance County Airport. Public events start at 3:30 p.m. at the airport with a review of cadets from Oak Ridge Military Academy.

The new headquarters for the patrol's North Carolina Wing, now under construction near the airport, will be dedicated at 4 p.m.

The 7 p.m. banquet at Greensboro College's Fowler Dining Hall will feature a concert of patriotic and military music by the Old Salem Trombone Choir and an address by U.S. Air Force Capt. Rick Henson of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

For more information or to make reservations, call Capt. Walt Thompson in Greensboro at (919) 288-8119.

Solution to **CROSSWIRES** on page 22.





HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

As autumn gives way to winter, gardening activities outside are slowed by the cooler weather. But there still are many jobs to be done.

Now's the time of the critical cool-season planting period for both bare-root and balled-and-burlapped plants. These appear on local retail markets as plants become dormant for winter. Spring-flowering bulbs that have not been set out should be planted. Now's a good time to clean up and oil garden tools to get them in top condition for use in the spring. And don't forget to scout around for appropriate greenery to be cut for use in decorating for the "holly-daze" just ahead.

Put Perennials To Sleep For Winter

Now's the time to clean up beds of perennials by cutting off dead foliage. Rake or blow away fallen leaves that may smother the mats being formed by plants. These mats will "come to life" next spring. Wait until after the first hard freeze to apply mulch. This will keep soil at an even temperature

to help prevent thawing and freezing that can damage plants in the months ahead. Should you live in an

area where soil rarely freezes, mulching now will keep the soil warm during an occasional cold spell.

Time To Prepare Roses For Winter

Cut back roses that have grown tall and leggy. This is *not* the annual heavy pruning that is given plants in late winter. It is merely a topping operation to protect them from damage caused by strong winter winds.

Prepare beds now for planting bare-root roses that soon will be available in garden centers and nurseries. Select a spot located away from trees and large shrubs—a spot that receives at least six hours of sun each day. The rose bed should have good drainage with no competition for food and moisture from tree roots.

Roses grow best in a rich, porous, slightly acid soil that is supplied additional plant food each month during the growing season.

A bare-root or pot-grown rose makes a good gift for a gardening friend—a gift that keeps on giving.

Most winter injury to roses comes from the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil during winter. A heavy mulch around the plants will prevent soil from freezing too deeply. The mulch also serves as an insulator to keep soil temperatures more nearly constant.

The mulch should be applied after the soil is partially frozen. Applying too early can cause a delayed damage; if the mulch prevents the soil from freezing, roses may sprout too early in the spring before the danger of late frosts and freezes has passed. A 6-to-10-inch winter mulch using wood chips, pine straw, clean straw, ground corncobs or dry peat moss is near ideal. If you maintain a summer mulch, merely add to it after the ground begins to freeze.

Christmas Tree

To keep your tree safe as well as handsome, select a fresh, green tree. If needles are turning brown, the tree has already dried out and will be a fire hazard. Place the tree in a room away from heaters and vents.

Saw off the butt end of the tree at least one inch above the original cut. Keep tree standing in a container of water the entire time it is indoors. Refill the container daily as it absorbs water because much moisture is lost to evaporation in a warm room. Research shows that the use of fire retardant chemicals instead of water often does no good, and in some cases, more harm than good.

If you're using a living tree indoors, remember that the tree is under a stressful condition. It should stay indoors no longer than a week.

Pine Trees

Pine trees are of special interest in winter and can be planted now. They are difficult to transplant as large trees. Young pines purchased as container-grown



plants grow rapidly given adequate water and fertilizer.

Choose from many different kinds of pines—loblolly, slash, white, leaf, slash, white, leaf—depending which grows best in your locality.

If your yard does not have a semi-shaded area for growing azaleas, you may want to look ahead and establish such a spot with pines. Filtered light from pines is nearly ideal for azaleas.

Label It

Labeling newly planted bulbs and late-starting perennials will pay off in spring. Even though you think you can remember where everything is planted, it may be difficult to find these items a few months have passed. Use wood or plastic labels and marking pens to identify newly planted additions to your garden. Popsicle sticks make handy labels.



HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

By Hank Smith

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Be Selective In Choosing Shrubs

If you were to
paper a room with
12 entirely different
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you'd get about the
same effect that is
produced when every
shrub in the founda-
tion planting is a dif-
ferent variety. Nobody
would like it, includ-
ing yourself.

The proper way is
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least three plants of
each kind, except
where an accent plant
is needed. Harmo-
nious effects secured
by landscape designers
result largely from
such careful selection
and grouping of plant
materials—whether
applied to shrubs,
trees or garden
flowers.

Garden Pointers

Remove dead and unwanted branches from trees and shrubs.

Prune grapevines and fruit trees anytime between now and mid-February.

Clean up and burn all twigs and litter found beneath pecan trees to prevent twig girdler damage.

Don't cut fescue or rye grass if severe freezing temperatures are expected the same night.

Deep-feed dormant deciduous trees this month.

Remove old asparagus foliage after it is killed by frost.

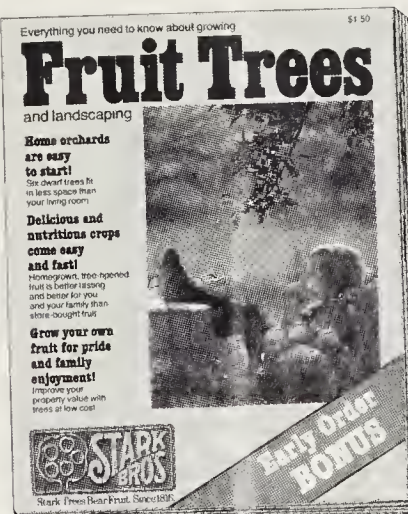
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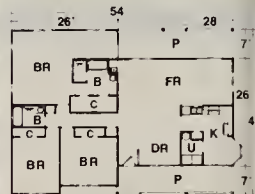
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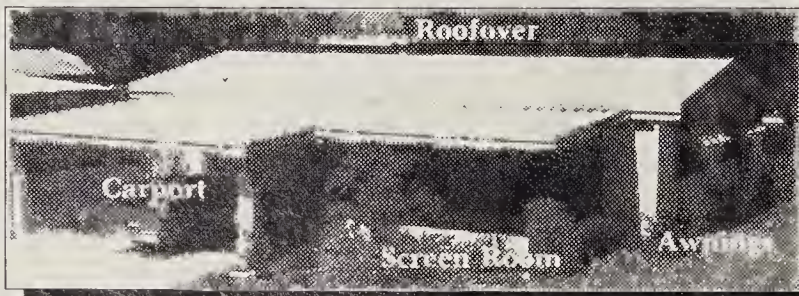
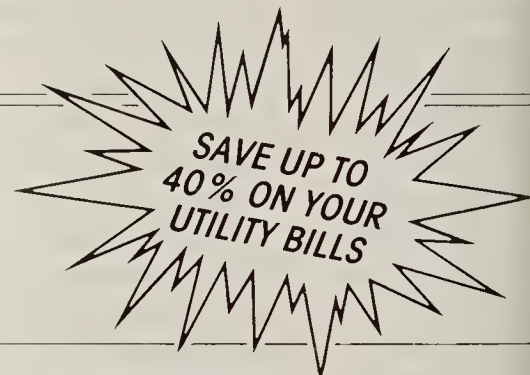
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Co-op Official Declares That REA's Job Is Not Yet Done

"When you build something, do you immediately turn it over to somebody else?"

That was the reaction of Northern Virginia Electric Co-op Manager Harry Bowman to a U.S. Chamber of Commerce television show saying the job of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) is done.

"The job is not finished," Bowman retorted.

The chamber took the televised potshot at REA in late September, concluding a three-part series on the U.S. Department of Agriculture agency with the assertion that it's "a program whose time has come—and gone."

REA was created in 1935 to help farmers bring electricity to rural America after investor-owned utilities refused to serve their sparsely populated neighborhoods.

The television broadcast appeared on an early-morning business show between games on ESPN, the cable television sports network. It rehashed the chamber's stock argument that REA's job is finished because "99 percent" of the countryside has telephone and electric service.

It reported in aggrieved tones that some rural electric co-ops financed with low-interest government loans now serve resorts and suburban areas.

"Critics say they just want subsidies to end, or at least to be limited to the poor rural sections of America that the program was created for," the reporter declared. "But the powerful co-op lobby in Congress has little opposition. And so the funding will continue for a program whose time has come—and gone."

One source interviewed for the series was Lawrence Gressette, a bitter REA critic who runs SCANA Corp., the parent of South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.

"The real issue," he told the interviewer, "is whether or not the American taxpayer needs to continue to subsidize co-op growth in areas where, in my opinion, they weren't authorized to serve in the first place."

Gressette failed to note that big investor-owned utilities like his weren't interested in serving those areas before co-op electric service helped fuel their growth. But he did volunteer that investor-owned and municipal utility rates are often lower than those of the co-ops.

Balancing the chamber's piece, however, were interviews with Bob Bergland, a former Secretary of Agriculture who now heads the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and congressional supporter Rep. Glenn English (D-Okla.), as well as Bowman and some of his co-op's consumer-members.

One co-op member interviewed for the piece offered a personal defense: "We are loyal (to the co-op) because we feel it's more or less a family organization."

—Rural Electric News Service

A Taste Of Light Living

Light Living



Here's a sample of the tasty, health-conscious creations you'll find in *Light Living*, the new cookbook published by the Women's Committee of North Carolina's rural electric cooperatives.

The 192-page volume includes more than 300 recipes, many of them contributed by members of local co-op women's committees across the state. Each recipe includes nutritional information added by Healthworks, a division of Wake Medical Center in Raleigh.

Special sections also offer advice about reducing your diet's fat content and about exercises to help you control your weight.

The book's attractive laminated cover features a colored-pencil drawing titled "Gatherings." The painting, by Haywood County artist Teresa Pennington, appeared on the cover of *Carolina Country* in September 1988.

Proceeds from the sale of the spiral-bound cookbook will support three college scholarships that are awarded annually.

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1/2 tsp. vanilla	2 beaten eggs

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Applications are now being accepted for funding under the North Carolina 1991 historic preservation grant program.

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Grant funds are awarded on a matching basis with awards generally in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range.

In addition to the local government program, eligible projects include architectural and archaeological surveys, preparations of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, public information and education programs and preservation activities.

Eligible grant applicants include local governments, universities and private non-profit organizations.

This grant program, administered by the Historic Preservation Office (HPO), state Division of Archives and History, is funded with North Carolina's share of the federal Historic Preservation Fund, money Congress appropriates for preservation efforts.

A competitive selection process is used to determine all recipients.

William S. Price Jr., the state historic preservation officer, will make the final decision on allocation of funding.

Grant funds must be administered in accordance with federal and state requirements. Projects must be completed by July 31, 1992.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 31, 1992, and announcement of grant awards expected in May, 1992.

Application packets, which include more information regarding this program, are available from the State Historic Preservation Office, N.C. Division of Archives and History, 101 Jones St., Raleigh, 27601-2807; or telephone 919-733-4763.

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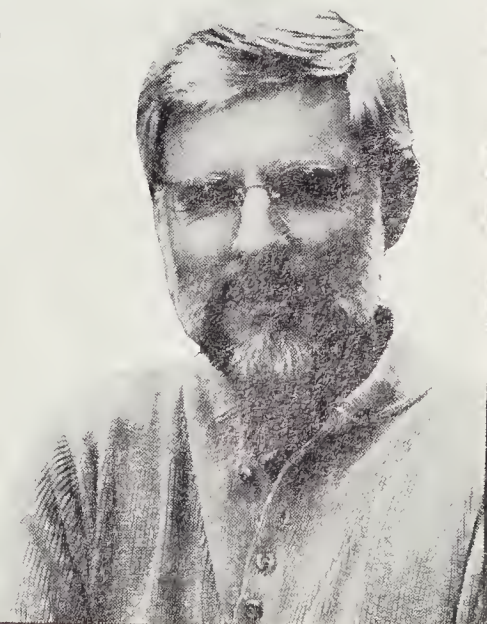
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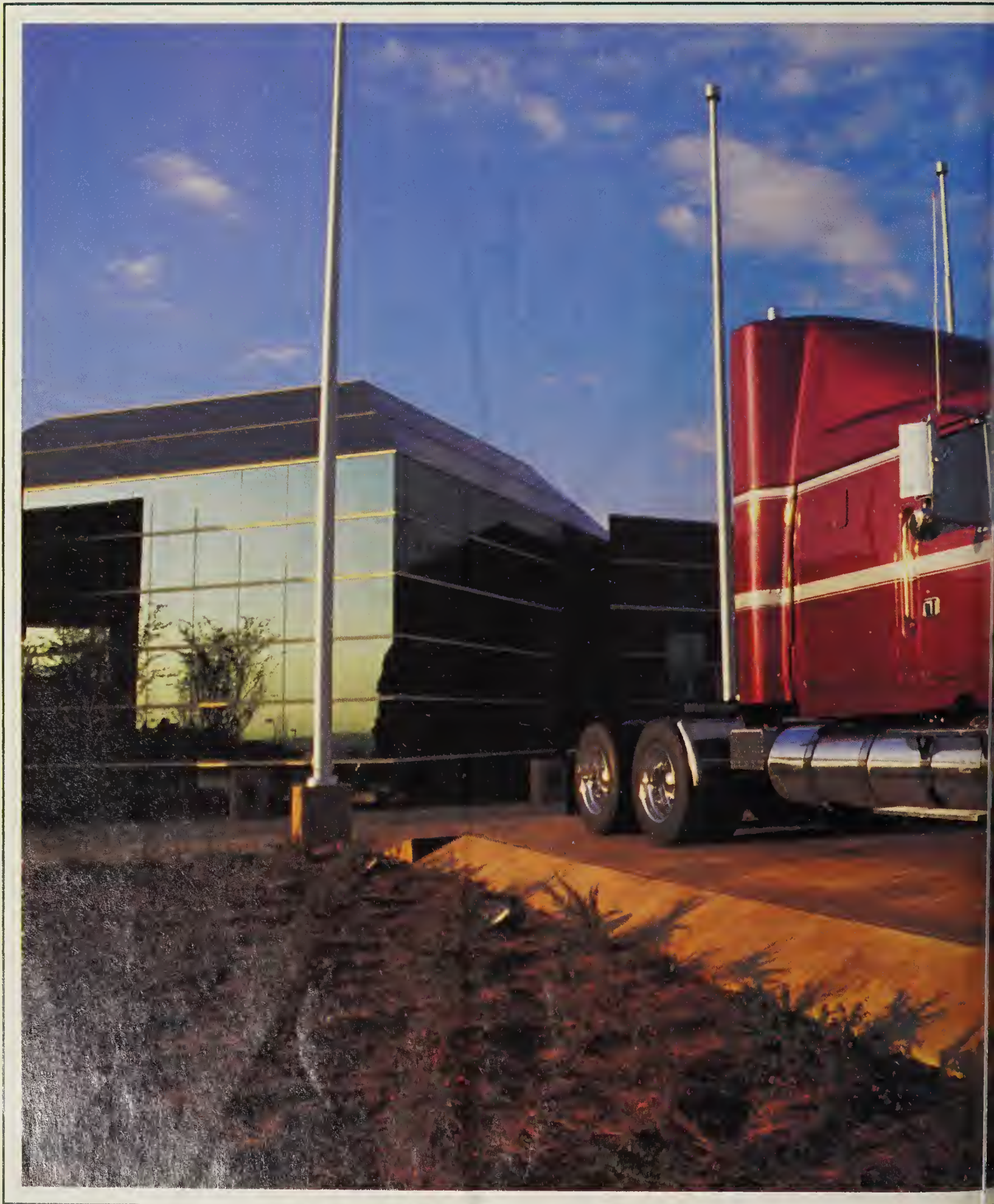
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"People have been calling for books ever since they learned we were having the second one printed," she said. "Our reputation as good Southern cooks sold the first books and we are hoping for the same success with the new one."

"Some of our older cooks have passed away, but we have some younger ones sharing recipes in the new book. Some of our most requested recipes from the old book are also included in the new one." Mrs. Johnson said the society supports home and foreign missions projects in the tradition of the first "Ladies Relief Society" many years ago.

To order a cookbook, send \$7.50 per copy, including postage, to Mrs. Sadie F. McLaurin, Route 2, Box 122, Bear Creek, N.C. 27207.

Santa Lucia Crown

Submitted by Christee Cranford

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 4 1/4 to 4 3/4 C | 1/4 C butter |
| all purpose flour | or margarine |
| 1/2 C sugar | 3 eggs at room |
| 1 tsp. salt | temperature |
| 1/8 tsp. saffron | Confectioners sugar |
| (powdered) | frosting, halved |
| 1 pkg. Active Dry or | red and green |
| Rapid Rise yeast | candied cherries |
| 1/2 C each water | (optional) |
| and milk | 6 candles (optional) |

In large bowl, combine 1 1/2 cup flour, sugar, salt, saffron and undissolved yeast. Heat water, milk and butter until very warm, 120 degrees to 130 degrees. Gradually add to dry ingredients and beat two minutes at medium speed, scraping bowl occasionally. Add 2 eggs and 1/2 cup flour. Beat at high speed two minutes, scraping occasionally. With spoon, stir in enough additional flour to make soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 6 to 8 minutes. Place in

greased bowl, turning to grease top. Cover. Let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1 hour. (With Rapid Rise yeast, kneaded dough and let rest on floured surface 10 minutes.) Proceed with recipe.

Punch dough down. Reserve 1/3 dough for top of crown. Divide remaining dough into three equal pieces; roll each to 25 inch rope. Roll ropes together and place on greased baking sheet. Form braid into circle and pinch end to seal. To shape top of crown, divide reserved dough into three equal pieces; roll each piece to 16 inch rope. Braid ropes together and place on separate greased baking sheet. Form braid into circle and pinch ends to seal. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about one hour.

Lightly beat remaining egg; brush on braids. Bake at 375 degrees. Bake small braid 15 minutes and large braid 25 minutes or until done. Cover with foil during last 10 minutes to prevent excess browning. Remove braids from baking sheets and cool on wire racks.

To decorate crown: Make six holes for candles in small braid. Place small braid on top of large braid. If desired, drizzle with confectioner's sugar frosting and garnish with red and green candied cherry halves. Insert candles in prepared holes. Makes one crown.



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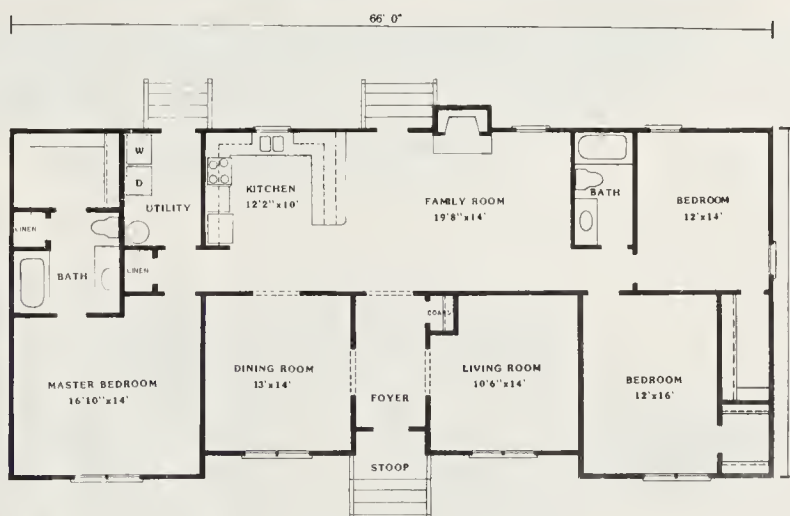
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g Sweep '91 Crew At Falls Lake Includes 60 Volunteers From NCEMC

Lee Hux, director of operations for North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) Raleigh, and his daughter Ashley, right, look over some of the litter Kevin Kroll picked up during Big Sweep '91 at Falls Lake near Wake Forest. Kevin is the son of Ken Kroll, NCEMC's director of production. The three were among about 60 volunteers representing the company Sept. 23 in the annual clean-up of Tar Heel waterways. The project involved hundreds of volunteers across the state, including employees of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir.



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Powerful Storm Brings Frightening Outages To 1000 Island Residents

Halloween 1991 brought freak weather
conditions that bedeviled a coastal North Caro-
linian electric cooperative for three consecutive

high winds from a powerful northeaster
that produce a salty dew that needled almost
all consumers with up to 100 short-lived
outages each night, beginning Oct. 31.

Crews from Cape Hatteras Electric Mem-
ber Corporation (EMC), Buxton, battled a
frustrating series of two- to five-second outages
that on by a rare combination of humidity,
fog and high waves.

"It's the most frustrating thing I've ever
experienced in my life," said Myron Rummel,
manager of the EMC.

He said the salty condensation triggered
outages again and again on lines serving
about 1,000 consumer-members on Hatteras
Island and about 800 Ocracoke Island residents
whose power is transmitted over Cape Hatteras.
Ocracoke residents are members of Tide-
water EMC, Pantego.

The warmth of the sun would burn off the
fog, putting a stop to the outages during
the day, Rummel explained. But the phenom-
enon struck again after dusk each evening.

"We had as many as 100 bumps a night,"
Rummel said. "The thing that frustrates con-
sumers the most is they don't see any poles
or anything like that."

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The following letters ranking the "greatest" American presidents were written in response to material on the subject in the March and May Grits columns.

Each 16th President "An Extraordinary Person"

This is not my first letter to your fine publication. Again, let me say that we enjoy your magazine immensely. I read it "from kiver to kiver."

In the March issue I especially enjoyed the articles concerning veterans and presidents.

I would certainly rank FDR in the top three "greats," my order being Washington, Lincoln and FDR. If you will notice, each 16th president has been an extraordinary person in unusual and special times. Lincoln was the 16th president and FDR, the 32nd.

I was born in 1924 and grew up, went to war and matured during the Roosevelt era.

History was still a required subject and the nation was very patriotic in those days.

In my opinion, Reagan was the worst president I've known. Early in his administration, I saw that he was digging us into an economic hole and I feared for our children and grandchildren. With the savings and loan fiasco I am more fearful than ever....

Thank you for your great magazine.

Frank E. Titus, Hickory

"FDR Is No. 1"

As for all-time great presidents: In my opinion, Franklin D. Roosevelt is No. 1. We sure need a president like him now.

In my lifetime, I think the greatest presidents, in order, were FDR, Truman, Washington, Lincoln and Kennedy.

John M. Killon, Ennice

Truman: "This Man Was A Leader"

My choice of No. 1 for "greatest" president would be Harry S. Truman.

This man was a leader. He put people into a job and made them feel he was behind them all the way—an attribute of leadership. ...

Dean Acheson, his secretary of state, said, "You could do nothing except admire him."

He was able to make up his mind and make difficult decisions—like the one to drop the atomic bomb. It took a great man to make that decision.

In regard to the firing of General McArthur: The general thought he was bigger than the commander-in-chief, but President Truman showed him who was the boss. It took a big man to fire McArthur. ...

Truman took over in difficult times and did a good job. A great president!

If you read Dr. Holland's biography of Lincoln, written shortly after his assassination, you soon come to the conclusion that he had trouble making decisions—not a sign of a great president. Mr. Lincoln had a number of generals who were not much good. Some wanted to train soldiers and not fight. Lincoln took too long getting rid of them.

Lincoln was forced into the Emancipation Proclamation by Republican radicals. At first he wrote it and then held off issuing it. He was finally pressured into it by members of the Republican Party.

Lincoln, to me, was not the type who made a quick decision and live with it.

President Franklin Roosevelt came in during difficult times. He tried many things to overcome the Depression. He was power-hungry. ... He even tried to load the Supreme Court but failed. I'd say Roosevelt was a great president but not No. 2.

John Kennedy was not an above-average president. ...

Thomas Jefferson was a brilliant man, probably one of our best presidents. Surely he was in the top six.

George Washington was not a great soldier. It is said he never won a major victory. What he is given credit for is keeping the army together. If it had not been for Washington we would have lost the war. He was the man who kept the country fighting through difficult times—a sign of a great leader.

He took over when this country began to falter and his cabinet put this country on its feet.

Dwight D. Eisenhower was not above average. ... Eisenhower let someone else do his thinking. He went around the country playing golf. ...

Remember, having been born to more than average does not make you smart and great.

Anthony G. W...
Fa...

Lincoln: "By Far The Worst" President

I am writing in regard to your article on how our presidents are rated. You stated that you would love to cast your vote for Abraham Lincoln as our greatest president. I disagree. I would rate Mr. Lincoln as by far the worst.

Lincoln was responsible for the most devastating war in our history. Lincoln ignored the constitution, and suspended the writ of *habeas corpus* so he could imprison anyone he wanted to without giving them a trial or charging them with anything. Newspaper editors and other influential citizens were thrown into prison solely because they dared speak out against him. Mr. Lincoln was a failure in both business and politics earlier, and an even bigger failure in war.

gent. We have had 42 presidents thus far
ne dictator—Dishonest Abe Lincoln.
would rate Jefferson as the greatest
gent.

Hugh Chapman, Morganton

Modern Grammarian Objects
Splitting An Infinitive At Times
The following letter was written in
response to the September Grits column,
which dealt in part with the split infinitives.
After surviving the toughest course in Mod-
ern English at UNC and after teaching English for
years at two colleges and two universities, I
have always amused that the average layman (or
woman?) protests only two grammatical
errors in English, neither of which is an error.
TV comedies choose the same two
errors to show the "ignorance" of a character.
One modern grammarian objects to splitting
an infinitive with a monosyllabic adverb, and
another to a two-syllable adverb such as "to slowly
climb" is just as acceptable as "to climb slowly."
Splitting an infinitive with an adverb having
one or more syllables is awkward, however:
"I continuously try."

The other error laymen make is: "you can-
not end a sentence with a preposition." This so-
called rule is nonsense and reflects ignorance of
English language.

The first book of English grammar was writ-
ten in the 18th century and was erroneously
based on Latin grammar that is an inflected lan-
guage depending more on prefixes and suffixes
than changes in meaning than does English,
which derives meaning more from syntax, the
order of words in a sentence.

For ending sentences with prepositions,
"To whom did you give the pencil to?" sounds
more natural than: "To whom did you
give the pencil?" The rule is that "the object of
a preposition should always be in the objective
case, wherever it appears in a sentence."

In the late 1700s an English writer named
Samuel Johnson discovered late in life that Latin
prepositions never end in prepositions. He went
back over his works and changed every sentence
he ever written that ended in a preposition,
influencing writers for 200 years.

Almost every English major has heard of the
famous response of Sir Winston Churchill to

a pedant who wrote him criticizing him for ending a sentence with
a preposition. His response: "Dear Madame, this is a type of errant
pedantry up with which I will not put."

John Foster West, Boone

*West is an Emeritus Professor of English at Appalachian State
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After Encounter With Death

She Pledged To Treat Each Day As "Precious"

When veterans of the North Carolina Rural Electric Youth Tour gathered for a reunion at a Raleigh hotel in August, Connie Elizabeth Davis,



Tour Class of '90, couldn't join in the festivities. She died in April from injuries received in an auto accident in Randolph County.

At the time of the accident, the 18-year-old high school senior

had planned something of a reunion of her own with another student who'd taken the 1990 tour. Brian Brown of Swansboro was scheduled to escort her to the Southwestern Randolph High School prom later in April.

"She was so excited about it," said her mother, Lynda H. Davis of Route 5, Asheboro.

Brian and Elizabeth met the previous June during the electric co-ops' annual trip to Washington. She won an essay contest sponsored by Randolph Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Asheboro, to qualify for the expense-paid trip. He'd been through the same process with Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Davis said if she were to "pick one highlight out of Elizabeth's life that meant the most to her, it would be the trip to Washington.... She called me each day she was there to tell me about something that had happened. Up to her death, she was always sharing new experiences with me that had happened in Washington."

The reunion in Raleigh gave former tourists a chance to relive their trips and remember the friendships they formed. (For more details on the reunion, see story, Page 12.)

Elizabeth is one of four young women tour "graduates" who were listed in the reunion's souvenir program under the heading, "In Memoriam." They are a 1975 tourist from Wilmington who died in 1986, a 1977 tourist from Waynesville who died two years ago and a Plymouth student who took the tour in 1981 and died later that year.

Each of them has a unique story, a tale of untimely endings and unfulfilled dreams. This is

but one of those stories, a narrative of community service and journalistic ambitions. It's a story Elizabeth helped write through the legacy of poems and essays.

When she died, family and friends described her to the *Asheboro Courier-Tribune* as "both gentle-natured and ambitious, devoted to writing and helping others."

Her interest in writing led her to seek an informal journalism internship at the newspaper when her extracurricular schedule would permit her to work for the school paper. She played clarinet in the band and was a member of the color guard. She was active in Students Against Driving Drunk, served as a Candy Striper at Randolph Hospital and worked with children at Greystone Baptist Church.

She had taken one of her four brothers to baseball practice when she lost control of her car as she returned home. State Highway Patrol troopers said she had apparently swerved to avoid hitting a deer.

Despite her busy pace, she always found time to write essays in verse. Some of her poems were published in school poetry books.

Her mother sent us copies of some of Elizabeth's work along with a note about the literary fund the Davis family has established in her name at Southwestern Randolph.

"We're hoping that if enough contributions come in we will be able to offer an award in her memory," Mrs. Davis said. (For more information about the fund, see box below.)

One of Elizabeth's essays is a touching account of an experience she had as a Candy Striper at the Asheboro hospital. A condensed version of the piece was published in the October issue of *Guideposts*. Here is the original version:

A New Respect For Life

Sometimes we tend to take life for granted. We don't think about the things we have; we think about what we would like to have.

During the summer of 1988, while I was working as a Candy Striper at our local hospital, I had an experience that really made me become aware of how precious and tenuous life really is.

"The main duty of a Candy Striper," the director of volunteerism told us, "is to keep the patients cheered up, especially the elderly ones."

My heart soared as I heard this remark. I had always loved elderly people and I sometimes felt that I could relate to them better than I could to people my own age.

Contributions Support Memorial Fund

Contributions to the Connie Elizabeth Davis memorial literary fund can be sent to her family or to her high school.

Write to The Literary Fund-Connie Elizabeth Davis, Route 5, Box 190-C, Asheboro, N.C. 27203 or to Southwestern Randolph High School, Route 5, Asheboro, N.C. 27203.



ter our orientation, I was assigned to a wing of the hospital. The on this wing were to be my patients. I usually tried to visit every each day. All of them became very special people, as I learned them and their families and their lives, but there was one patient became very special to me. Her name was Mary Presnell.

y was a very petite woman who had a smile that could put the in to shame. She was a very sensitive, loving and caring person. ough she was very sick and her body was filled with pain, she ed a magnificent spirit.

isited with Mary at least three times a day. I would usually arrive ospital at about 8 a.m. After signing in, I would always go straight 's room and help her with her breakfast tray. Sometimes, I would er flowers from my neighbor's garden.

ring the week of July 4, I always go to the mountains to visit with dmother for a week. After being assured by the nurses that Mary e well taken care of, I reluctantly told Mary good-bye. I promised as soon as I returned, I would come back to see her. I hated to r. I had a strange feeling that I might not see her again, but I did best to remain optimistic.

er I returned from vacation, I eagerly returned to work. The first at I did was to go to Mary's room. She wasn't there. I hurriedly e nurse that usually took care of Mary. She informed me that s in a coma. I was so upset and shocked that I just felt numb all ere were so many things that I still wanted to say to Mary and so ings that I still wanted to do for her.

ustered up all the courage that I could and I asked the nurse if s any chance that she would make it.

e nurse said, "No, Elizabeth, I'm sorry but there isn't much hope ill ever come out of the coma."

en asked the nurse in a tiny voice if I could see Mary and she said,

owly opened the door to Mary's room and walked over to her ached down and took her hand.

ry," I said, choking back the tears, "I love you and I will never ou. Please don't ever forget me."

uietly left her room and went outside to sit under a tree. It was orite place to think. I prayed to God that He would give me the to face Mary's death. At that point, I knew it was only a matter of und consolation and strength in remembering a passage from tes. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose e heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die."

as Mary's time to die. She had lived a long and happy life and her health was bad and her life was filled with pain, it was time e taken to heaven to live with God.

Continued my work as a Candy Striper that summer and on into the ar. This encounter with death had given me a new and much spect for life. I began to realize how tenuous life is and how w any things for granted.

olved that I would treat each new day as precious. I would d each day for my life and all the gifts He has given me—and I to use them in a way that would glorify His name.

—Connie Elizabeth Davis

Her Word Processor Can Spell But Can It Write?

Our recent columns on language inspired one of our readers to send us a verse she wrote, pointedly illustrating some of the problems our words can present.

Mrs. Jean Lewis of Gulfport, Fla., wrote: "Early this year I bought a home in the beautiful Carolina mountains and I enjoy learning what's going on in my new state from your magazine. Many thanks to Hank Smith for the Gardening Guide.

"The Grits article in August was great and the follow-up in September had me digging through my files for the enclosed verse. I hope you enjoy it.

"I bought a word processor that knows how to spell but it isn't always write."

We don't ordinarily use poetry from readers but this piece is so clever we simply must share it:

The Write Way To Right

Right or wrong I wrote a song,

So now I am a writer.

I wonder if I wrote it wright

Or did I rite it wrong.

And if I wrote it for a play

Why I'm a playwright not playwrighter?

I think I'll throw my pen away

And I'll become ...

A painter.

But since I'm painting with a brush

Am I not called a brusher?

These thoughts have kept me

Up all Knight.

I think I'll be ...

A knitter.

But if I nit my brows in browsing

As I leaf through leaves of learning

And what if what I'm knitting

Always ends up in nots?

I think I'll take up ...

Watching.

I wonder if I can get all those little wheels

In all the write places.

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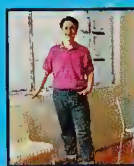
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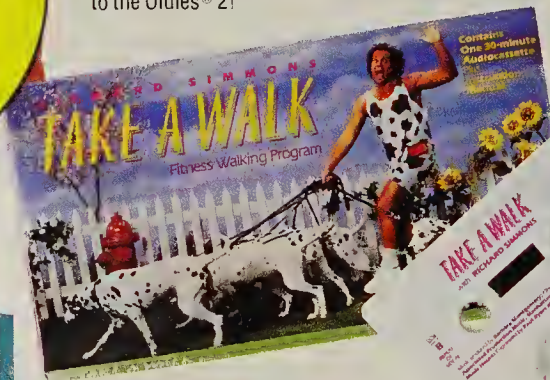
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